

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/646,098

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to application filed 09/20/2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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1. This is in response to the application filed on 9/20/2000.
2. Claims 1-2 are allowed.
3. The prior arts (WO 97/16784 A1; JP 5-88863 A; JP 4-142622 A; WO 98/19232 A1) submitted on 9/20/2000 have been considered to the extent submitted in the English translation. However, since a 1449 form was not found in the application, these prior arts are cited in the attached PTO-892 instead.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the cited prior arts taken alone or in combination fail to disclose, in combination with other claimed limitations, (a-5) The W03 Autopsies vector, if the data area of W03 identified by the word identifier is "empty", does one of the followings: (i) setting a data from the data area of W02 identified by the word identifier in a predetermined way; or (ii) setting a data from the data area of W03 identified by the word identifier on file in a predetermined way; or (iii) setting a data into the data Area of W03 identified by the word by use of the provided calculation equation, and, when the restart is possible even if the aforementioned data setting value cannot be done, sets a restart flag or, when the restart is not possible, sets a refusal flag identified by the same word identifier; group of pallets having W04 pallet for putting together executably, per screen, each W04 Duplication element and W04 Autopsies vector corresponding to the word identifier of the word existing on the screen into an order of the Duplication element group and the Autopsies vector group and for assembling each W04 data area identified by each word identifier; W02 pallet for putting together executably, per screen, each W02 Autopsies vector corresponding the word

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identifier of the word existing on the screen and for assembling each W02 data area identified by each word identifier; and WO3 pallet for putting together executably each WO3 Duplication element and W03 Autopsies vector corresponding to the word identifier of the word existing on the whole definitive in the system into an order of the Duplication element group and the Autopsies vector group and for assembling each W03 data area identified by each word identifier as recited in independent claims 1 and 2.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

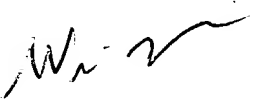
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wei Y Zhen whose telephone number is (703) 305-0437. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on (703) 305-4552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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